

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schellpeper, to open on your amendment. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would it be possible, I've got the other amendment coming down from the bill drafters to take it up later on on the bill, to just pass over it for now and take it up later?

SENATOR HALL: We'll pass over it at this time. Thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Baack, AM1738.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, on your amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, this is...this should not take long. This is just some cleanup that we're doing on the open enrollment bill that we passed a number of years ago on the option bill. As this...as we have gotten into the open enrollment process and as schools have seen how the process works, they have asked us to make a number of changes in the way that we file applications and the way that we...and they're asking for some elimination of some dates in the law. We do that. One of things that this does is it eliminates the step that a person who is applying for option, we, in the original bill, we said you had to apply to the resident district immediately and then you...and then you also applied to the option district. Now you apply to the option district and the option district then informs the resident district that that person has applied. This does not apply to OPS because they have special provisions because of their desegregation plan so this does not apply for OPS. One of the other changes in this is, oh, dealing with the amendment that we adopted of Senator Bernard-Stevens yesterday on LB 838, I believe it was, we adopted an amendment on that dealing with a person who went to a private school for a while and then wanted to opt back to their original option district. This just creates a paper trail for it to make sure that when they do go back to that district, which we did allow yesterday, that they have to reapply and it creates a paper trail for that. One other change of any